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Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned ) Group Art Unit: 1648  
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For: IMMUNOLOGICAL REAGENTS )  
AND DIAGNOSTIC METHODS )  
FOR THE DETECTION OF  
HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY  
VIRUS TYPE 2 UTILIZING  
MULTIMERIC FORMS OF THE  
ENVELOPE PROTEINS  
GP300, P200, AND P90/80  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please delete the Title and insert the following therefor:

-- IMMUNOLOGICAL REAGENTS AND DIAGNOSTIC METHODS FOR THE  
DETECTION OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS TYPE 2 UTILIZING  
MULTIMERIC FORMS OF THE ENVELOPE PROTEINS GP300, P200, AND P90/80--

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, please delete lines 2-10 in their entirety, and insert the following therefor:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/321,566, filed October 27, 1994 (pending), which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/002,756, filed January 13, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,470,702, which is a division of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/356,459, filed May 25, 1989, now U.S. Patent No. 5,208,321, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/204,346, filed June 9, 1988 (abandoned).--

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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the Abstract and insert the following therefor:

--Immunological reagents obtained from multimeric forms of the HIV-2 and SIV envelope glycoproteins and their use in the detection of HIV-2, particularly, the HIV-2 proteins gp300, p200, p90, and p80, and gp300 of SIV.--

If any fees are necessary for the submission of these formal drawings, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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